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VOLUSIA MEN SENTENCED FOR STEALING METAL FROM DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Jacksonville, Florida - U.S. District Judge Virginia M. Hernandez Covington today sentenced Timothy Shawn Corlett, age 41, to 36 months' imprisonment, and Joey Alan Price, age 47, to 30 months' imprisonment for conspiracy and theft of approximately 58,000 pounds of high-temp alloy and stainless steel scrap metal from the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office (DRMO) facility in Jacksonville. The pair was also ordered to pay \$179,121.26 in restitution to the DRMO facility. The DRMO is an agency of the Department of Defense. Corlett and Price pleaded guilty on December 5, 2006.

According to court documents, Corlett and Price rented cargo vans and pickup trucks from Enterprise Rent-A-Car in New Smyrna Beach on multiple occasions between September 2005 and January 2006. From there, they drove to Jacksonville and loaded the metal onto the vehicles. The defendants solicited younger men, some of them minors, to help with the physical removal of metal from the DRMO due to its excessive weight. The stolen property was then driven back to Corlett's home in Volusia County. The men who assisted in the theft were paid cash for their labor. The total value of loss to the Department of Defense was determined to be \$179,221.26.

The case was investigated by the Defense Logistics Agency and Defense Criminal Investigative Service. The case was prosecuted by Special Assistant United States Attorneys Kate Kmiec and Clay Hahs.